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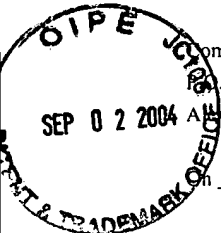
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In re application of:

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Application No.: 10/026,188

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For: ASSAYS FOR TASTE RECEPTOR
CELL SPECIFIC ION CHANNEL

Customer No.: 20350

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed July 23, 2004, Applicants elect Group III, claims 1-9 and 12-15, as the claims relate to SEQ ID NO: 8, drawn to methods of modulating the activity of a human LTRP5 protein and for identifying modulators of said protein, classified in class 435, subclass 7.21.


The foregoing election is made with traverse, as the six groups set forth by the Examiner all stem from a common concept and theory, and are thus related. As such, prosecution of the claims of Groups I-VI would not place a substantially greater burden on the Examiner. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the Restriction Requirement and consider all the claims together.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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